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Please do more for our river than your current proposed plan offers.

While I respect that the EPA intends to keep an eye on the cleanup as it progresses, and make alterations if it seems the plan in action isn't effective, this is our best chance to get things right. I am really disappointed that this looks like such a giveaway to corporate interests, rather than a plan seriously oriented to the most ethical direction. Human misbehavior caused the problems; we are ethically obligated to undo the damage to the best of our abilities.

I want to see a plan that does so much up front that there is minimal need for long-term monitoring and upkeep, so that there is no need to keep putting money and people's time into it. Given all the uncertainties there are with climate change and political concerns, it seems better to do as much as possible up front that really cleans the river up, rather than assume we'll be able to keep doing maintenance and education in the future.

I fully support the recommendations presented by Willamette Riverkeeper, Portland Audubon, and the other ecologically-focused groups in the Portland area who have been studying this for so many years.

It is absolutely unconscionable to present a plan where it would take over twenty years before it MIGHT be safe for people to eat fish from the river more than occasionally.

I am particularly horrified by the proposal of an on-site Confined Disposal Facility in this plan. Of course the containment is /supposed/ to be sturdy, but why take that risk? Why dredge the river but leave all the pollutants where a breach or wreck of the containment could put it all RIGHT BACK IN? It will also destroy existing river habitat! That's like, the opposite of what the cleanup is supposed to do, isn't it? This is also a slap in the face to the local human communities, who will have to live with the knowledge that these toxins were just heaped in a pile in their neighborhoods. Who needs that kind of anxiety, or reminder that they just don't count? I appreciate that it's less expensive than hauling it away, but less financially expensive now doesn't mean actual best, and in this case, I think it is the least ethical, and most damaging (to community goodwill, and to future health of place), thing to do short of leaving it in the river.

The City of Portland and numerous local environmental groups have put a lot of time and money into cleaning up and reducing pollution in the river.

Please don't shortchange us on something we need your help with.

Please give our river a better chance at a healthy future and give our human communities an ethical and truly effective solution we can be proud of.

Thank you.